

PRIVACY

The privacy policy describes the State of Iowa's privacy practices regarding information collected from visitors using data.iowa.gov, and how that information is used. The State of Iowa may at any time and in its sole discretion, modify this policy. Because this privacy policy only applies to data.iowa.gov, you should examine the privacy policy of any other website you link to or otherwise access through this website.

Information Collected

By visiting data.iowa.gov, some information is automatically collected, such as your Internet Protocol (IP) address, your operating system, the browser type, the address of a referring web site, and your activity on the Site.

This information is used to improve this website's content and to help the State of Iowa understand how people are using this website. This information may be used for statistical analysis, to determine what information is of most and of least interest to our visitors, and to identify system performance or problem areas. This information may also be shared with other state agencies for governmental purposes, including improving state government services. The information is not collected for commercial marketing purposes and the State of Iowa does not sell or distribute the information collected from the website for commercial marketing purposes.

Personal Information

"Personal information" is information about a person that is readily identifiable to that specific individual. Personal information includes, but is not limited to, such things as an individual's name, address, and phone number. A domain name or Internet Protocol address, noted above, is not considered personal information.

Personal information we collect will vary with the activity or the service being sought. We may collect certain information that you voluntarily provide to us which may contain personal information. For example, we may collect your name, address, email address, user name and other contact, demographic information when you register and set up an account or contact us by e-mail or other means for any reason. Personal and demographic information may also be collected if you provide such information in connection with creating a user profile, leaving comments, sending an email or message to another user or participating in any interactive forums or features on the site.

In general, we use the personal information collected to process your requests or transactions, to provide you with information or services you request to facilitate your use of, and our administration and operation of data.iowa.gov, and for the purpose for which the information was provided. Such information will generally be handled and subject to the same controls as it would be if you made an in person visit to our office. Personal information will be accessible to vendors assisting the State of Iowa with the operation of data.iowa.gov.

Please note that if personal information is collected through data.iowa.gov or is volunteered by you, State and federal law may protect it. However, this information is a public record once you provide it and may be subject to public examination, copying and disclosure in accordance with

the provisions of *Iowa Code Chapter 22*, if not protected by State or federal law. Please see the section below entitled “Public Examination and Copying of Information Collected” for more information about *Iowa Code Chapter 22*.

Email Correspondence

If you send an email to the State of Iowa, your email address and the contents of your email will be collected and stored. Email messages will be treated the same as any other written communication and may be subject to examination and copying by the public in accordance with the provisions of *Iowa Code Chapter 22* (Public Records). Please see the section below entitled “Public Examination and Copying of Information Collected” for more information about *Iowa Code Chapter 22*.

Your email address and the information contained in your email may be used to respond to you, to address issues you identify, to further improve this website, or to forward your email to another agency for appropriate action. Agency does not collect, use or distribute your email address for commercial marketing purposes.

Persons contacting the State of Iowa by email or using a link provided on data.iowa.gov should understand that the communication method used may not be secure or encrypted. There is a risk that the electronic information transmitted over unsecure or unencrypted email or links can be monitored or unintentionally disclosed to other than the intended recipient(s). Accordingly, please do not put confidential and personal information such as social security number, date of birth, bank account and credit card information, mother’s maiden name or medical information in your email communications to the State of Iowa. You agree that the State of Iowa will not be liable should you choose to transmit confidential and personal information using email and the confidentiality of that information is accessed by unauthorized persons or is otherwise compromised.

Public Examination, Copying, and Disclosure of Information Collected

In accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa, the State of Iowa will ensure that government is open and that the public has a right to access public records and information of which the State of Iowa is the custodian. *Iowa Code Chapter 22* provides that the public shall have the right to examine and copy a public record and to publish or otherwise disseminate a public record or the information contained in such record. At the same time, there are certain exceptions under State and federal laws that may limit the public’s right to examine and copy public records or otherwise protect certain personal information. Personal and other Information collected (or provided by you) through data.iowa.gov, may, if not protected by State or federal law, be subject to public examination, copying, publication, and disclosure pursuant to applicable laws, including, without limitation, *Iowa Code Chapter 22* and other applicable laws governing access to public records.

In the event of a conflict between this Privacy Policy and *Iowa Code Chapter 22* or other laws governing access to public records, *Iowa Code Chapter 22* or such other applicable laws will control.

Cookies

Many websites use "cookies" to customize your browsing experience. The use of cookies is a standard practice among websites. Cookies are small data files that are stored on a user's hard drive at the request of a Web site to enable the site to recognize users who have previously visited them and retain certain information such as customer preferences and history. If we combine cookies with or link them to any of the personally identifying information, we would treat this information as personal information. The software and hardware you use to access this website allows you to refuse the cookie or delete the cookie file at any time. If you wish to block, erase, or be warned of cookies, please refer to your browser instructions or help screen to learn about these functions. However, if a browser is set not to accept cookies or if a user rejects a cookie, some portions of data.iowa.gov and services offered may not function properly. For example, you may not be able to sign in and may not be able to access certain Site features or services.

Disclaimer – Links to other Sites

In order to provide visitors with certain information, data.iowa.gov may provide links to websites of local, State and federal government agencies, and non-governmental or private organizations. A link does not constitute the State of Iowa's endorsement of the content, viewpoint, accuracy, opinions, policies, products, services, or accessibility of such websites. Once you link to another website from this website, you are subject to the terms and conditions of that website, including, its privacy policy. When visiting linked sites, you may wish to check the privacy policies and terms of use on such websites and be cautious about providing personal information.

Questions about this policy

Should you have questions concerning this privacy policy please contact the Iowa Department of Management at transparency@iowa.gov or 515-281-3352.